

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is prepared in response to the December 15, 2005 Final Office Action.

Claims 1, 8, 14 and 21 have been amended. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-15, 17-19 and 21-24 are pending in the application.

The present claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Ohtani et al. in view of Maeda for the reasons stated on pages 2-8 of the final Office Action.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 8, 14, and 21 have been amended such that it is submitted that all the claims now present in the application are patentable over Ohtani et al. in view of Maeda for the following reasons:

The rejection of the present claims essentially corresponds to the rejection contained in the June 27, 2005 Office Action and accordingly, the arguments previously presented in the September 27, 2005 Amendment are still applicable and incorporated by reference herein.

Furthermore, the independent claims have been revised so as to now recite that one of the source electrode and drain electrode comprises an aluminum alloy layer disposed

between a pair of titanium layers. That is, the recitation that the gate electrode comprises an aluminum alloy layer disposed between a pair of titanium layers has been deleted.

Ohtani et al., on the other hand, refers to a titanium/aluminum/titanium structure only for the source and drain electrodes and refers to an aluminum alloy only for the gate electrodes. Thus, the source and drain electrodes of Ohtani et al. do not correspond to the recited source and drain electrodes of the independent claims.

Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claims 1, 8, 14, and 21 and, by their dependency, the remaining claims are patentable over the proposed combination of references.

Furthermore, Maeda et al. does not refer to the source and drain electrodes having an aluminum layer comprising the recited percentage of at least one element selected from a group consisting of various elements as recited in claims 2, 9, 15, and 22.

Accordingly, it is further submitted that claims 2, 9, 15 and 22 are additionally patentable over the proposed combination of references.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment After Final .

Respectfully submitted,

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